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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a growth factor, classified in class 530, subclass 399.
 - II. Claims 1-3, 6, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a growth factor receptor, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
 - III. Claims 1-3, 7, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a extracellular matrix molecule, classified in class 530, subclass 356.
 - IV. Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a protease inhibitor, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
 - V. Claims 1-3, 10, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a

- syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a degradative enzyme, classified in class 503, subclass 350.
- VI. Claims 1-3, 11, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a lipolytic enzyme, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- VII. Claims 1-3, 12, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a cell adhesion molecule, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- VIII. Claims 1-3, 13, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a nuclear protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- IX. Claims 1-3, 14, 15, and 16, drawn to fusion proteins comprising a first polypeptide portion including a heparan sulphate attachment sequence from a syndecan protein, and a second polypeptide portion wherein the second polypeptide portion is a polypeptide from a microbial pathogen, classified in class 530, subclass 403.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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2. The inventions of Group I-IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case, the different inventions each relates to a fusion protein of a heparin sulphate binding polypeptide with a second protein, wherein the second protein determines the function of the fusion protein. The proteins of each of the different groups have different structures, and different functions. Because these different proteins are not disclosed as usable together, and as each has a different function, the different inventions are unrelated.

Species Election

3. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

For Group I above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 4 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group II above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 6 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group III above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 7 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group IV above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 8 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group V above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 10 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

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For Group VI above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 11 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group VII above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 12 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group VIII above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 13 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

For Group IX above, the Applicant is required to elect one of the proteins identified in claim 14 as the second polypeptide in the fusion protein.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Conclusion

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, have acquired a separate status in art because of recognized divergent subject matter and different classifications, and because the literature and sequence searches required for any one of the groups is not required for the others, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. It is here noted that some of the restrictions requirements made above fall within the scope of PTO Linking claim practice. In accordance with this practice as described in MPEP 809.03, linking claims will be considered with the elected invention. If the elected invention is found allowable, the linking claim will also be examined. If no substantive rejection is found for the linking claim, the restriction among the Groups it comprises will be withdrawn.

Currently, claim 1 is considered a linking claim to the different Groups of inventions.

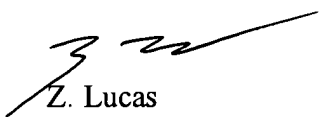
6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachariah Lucas whose telephone number is 571-272-0905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel can be reached on 571-272-0902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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